Training to pilots

†2267. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether pilots are not being trained as compared to the increasing number of aeroplanes and passengers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill up this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) With the growth in aviation sector, the demads for pilots has increased, requiring more number of pilots to be trained to meet the shortage. To meet the demand the Government propose to upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi at Rae Bareli, set up a new flying training insitute at Gondia in Maharashtra, strengthen the flying clubs in the country and enhance the age of pilots subject to medical fitness.

Demand for pilots

2268. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demands for pilots in the next four years may reach more than three thousands;

(b) if so, whether we have capacity to produce such numbers of expected pilots in the next four years;

(c) whether Government are planning to start new aeronautics training schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) To meet the demand the Government propose to upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi at Rae Bareli, set up a new flying training institute at Gondia in Maharashtra, strengthen the flying clubs in the country and enhance the age of pilots subject to medical fitness.

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